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POLICE WOUND 4 ARABS CAUGHT SETTING BLAZE; INCENDIARY FIRES CONTINUE

JERUSALEM, May 4, (JTA) -- Four Arabs were wounded, one of them seriously, in a clash with British police at dawn today when they were caught setting fire to a Jewish bakery in Beit Vegan, a suburb of Jerusalem.

When discovered by the police, the Arabs retreated and opened fire, the police returning the fire.

The twentieth Jewish victim of recent disorders, Dr. K. Feldberg, 38, died Saturday night at the Haifa Hadassah hospital where he had undergone an operation after being injured when his car was stoned by Arab demonstrators. His funeral Sunday morning passed off quietly.

The shooting this morning climaxed a week-end of widespread incendiarism that has intensified the tension in many parts of Palestine. In the last twenty-four hours, it is estimated that fires set by Arabs have done a minimum of \$50,000 damage to Jewish-owned property.

The situation reached the point today where High Commissioner Sir Arthur Grenfell Wauchope is considering signing an order for collective punishment of Arab villages believed to be sheltering incendiaries. Such action has long been demanded by Jewish communities.

Newspapers today estimated that the fire which destroyed a lumber yard at Haifa yesterday caused a loss of \$25,000.

Other cases of incendiarism reported overnight include the following:

Complete destruction of the Nesher warehouse, near the Haifa railway, with \$10,000 estimated damage. Four thousand skins were destroyed when fire gutted a tannery at Tel Aviv. More than 1,000 dunams of crops were destroyed in the Jewish colony of Ein Harod.

Four hundred trees were uprooted in the vicinity of Mishmar ha-Emek. During the night fire broke out in the Balfour Forest, but was swiftly extinguished before it gained headway. A similar incident occurred at Givat Shelosha, near Petach Tikvah.

An Arab carrying bombs in his pocket was arrested at Tel Aviv.

In Jerusalem an Arab was arrested on a charge of cutting telephone wires between this city and Jericho.

Arabs Loosen Railway Tracks

Arabs yesterday resorted to loosening railroad tracks, cutting telephone wires and puncturing automobile tires by spreading nails on roads to tie up communications as the general strike against Jewish immigration entered its third week.

The automobiles of the American Consul here and of the High Commissioner were among the more than 100 whose tires were punctured. When the American consul's car was halted in the Meah Shearim quarter of Jerusalem by punctured tires, police transferred him into another automobile.

Loosened rails were discovered in several parts of the country before any accident had occurred and the railroads were placed under special guard. Cut telephone wires between Jerusalem and northern districts were quickly repaired by the authorities.

Despite Arab attempts to blockade Jewish communities, which included attacks on Arab peasants bringing milk and vegetables to market, the Tel Aviv Municipal Council announced at a press conference that the city was well provided with flour, sugar and other foodstuffs. Curfew was lifted last night on the outskirts of Tel Aviv.

It was learned that Dr. Chaim Weizmann, President of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, during a visit with Moshe Shertok to High Commissioner Wauchope protested vigorously against alleged Government laxity and emphasized that security was the obvious duty of any Government.

He also discussed immigration certificates, it was learned, which led to the belief that the new immigration schedule would be announced before next Sunday, when Dr. Weizmann is to leave for London.

Arab Leaders Split in Strike Action

The problem of whether to call Arab Government employes out on strike caused the first serious split between the factions headed by the Grand Mufti, Haj Amin el Hussein, and by Ragheb Bey Nashashibi, ex-mayor of Jerusalem. The Nashashibi group demanded that Government employes be forced to join the strike, while the Mufti's group opposed the proposal on the ground the employes might lose their positions by striking.

Although goods consigned for exhibition at the Levant Fair in Tel Aviv were held up at Jaffa harbor by the strike, the Rumanian and Polish pavilions opened for two hours. All foreign pavilions are expected to open next weekend.

Hebrew newspapers bitterly criticized the Government for alleged inactivity and asked whether the Government or the Arab Strike Committee was ruling the country. The papers demanded additional protection, especially for the Jewish colonies.

Arab newspapers reported that Yahya Mohammed Hamid ed-Din, Imam of Yemen, had cabled King Edward at London asking justice for the Palestine Arabs.

ARABS FAIL IN EFFORT TO SET FIRE TO HEBREW U. UNIT

JERUSALEM, May 4. (JTA) -- An attempt to set fire to the agricultural experimental station of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem was frustrated this afternoon when students saw the incipient blaze and extinguished it. Two Arabs were arrested in connection with the incident.

Telephone wires between Jerusalem and Tel Aviv were cut by Arabs today, but were swiftly repaired.

MAYOR KHALIDI GETS ULTIMATUM ON STRIKE LEADERSHIP

JERUSALEM, May 4. (JTA) -- Jewish members of the Jerusalem Municipal Council today delivered an ultimatum to Mayor Hussein Khalidi, demanding that he either resign from the Arab National Strike Committee, which is directing the general strike against Jews, or from the mayoralty. If the mayor refuses, the Jewish councillors declare they will resign from the city's governing body. Dr. Khalidi promised he would reply by tomorrow.

The strike committee today sent delegations to Syria and Egypt in an effort to block shipments of food to Tel Aviv.

TEL AVIV-JAFFA BUSES RESUME SERVICE

TEL AVIV, May 4. (JTA) -- Jewish-owned busses resumed operations between this all-Jewish city and neighboring Jaffa for the first time since the disorders broke out more than two weeks ago.

Many Arabs were seen on the streets of Tel Aviv, going about their affairs without molestation. Jews, however, continued to stay out of Jaffa, fearing to return to the city where the most violent of the disturbances occurred on April 19 and the succeeding days.

The general strike, aimed against Jewish immigration and sale of land to Jews, was still in full force in Jaffa today.

A fire that broke out in the Hotel Villa, in the Neve Shalom suburb of Tel Aviv, was extinguished before it gained headway.

TROOPS GUARD BASLE COURT AS TRIAL OF NAZI KIDNAPER OPENS

BASLE, May 4. (JTA) -- Troops guarded the court room today as Hans Wesemann, Nazi agent, went on trial here for the kidnaping more than a year ago of Berthold Jakob, German-Jewish journalist.

The prosecution, opening the case against Wesemann, charged that he was a Gestapo agent since 1934 and had arrived in Basle in February, 1935, to prepare the abduction of the refugee.

If convicted of having been responsible for Jakob's imprisonment by the Nazis for more than a week, Wesemann faces a maximum prison term of eight years.

The abduction of Jakob in March, 1935, created an international furor that finally ended with his release by the Nazis after having been held in jail seven months. He was released last September when the Swiss Government threatened to bring the issue before the World Court at The Hague. Switzerland contended Jacob's kidnaping was in violation of Swiss sovereignty and demanded his release under the German-Swiss Treaty of Arbitration of 1921.

The Nazis had accused Jakob of being involved in anti-Nazi intrigues in Basle. Following the journalist's return to Swiss soil, he was deported by the Swiss Government.

NAZI ORGANIZERS IN PALESTINE SEIZED; SUSPECTED OF SEDITION

TEL AVIV, May 4. (JTA) -- Police yesterday arrested Dr. Paul Zubak and Greta Taumann, both of Vienna, after an all-night search of their home during which police said they found seditious material and letters about the German Jews in Palestine.

The two denied charges of sedition and were still being held today after a hearing. The incriminating documents have been sent to the Criminal Investigation Department at Jerusalem.

Dr. Zubak and Miss Taumann arrived in Palestine in 1933 and first resided in Nazareth, where they are believed to have organized Nazi headquarters for Palestine. Later they moved to this city where Dr. Zubak represented a film company.

DR. WEIZMANN TO LEAVE FOR LONDON SUNDAY

TEL AVIV, May 4. (JTA) -- Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, will leave for London next Sunday, it was disclosed today.

Dov Hoz, vice-mayor of Tel Aviv, will fly to London on behalf of the Zionist Executive.

REPORT ITALIAN CONSUL REFUSES TO RECEIVE ARAB LEADERS

JERUSALEM, May 4. (JTA) -- The Italian Consul has refused to receive a delegation of Arab leaders that called on him for an undisclosed purpose, it was learned today.

"FORCES OF DESERT" BLAMED FOR PALESTINE DISORDERS

LONDON, May 4. (JTA) -- J. H. Hertz, Chief Rabbi of the British Empire, yesterday held "the forces of the desert" responsible for recent disorders in Palestine in an address at the sixtieth annual meeting of the Anglo-Jewish Association.

He said that "the forces of the desert cannot long resist the forces of civilization. The progress of Palestine amazes its friends and confounds its enemies."

Leonard G. Montefiore, president of the association, warned against "false hopes" that the Nazis in Germany, having removed the alleged predominance of Jews in certain walks of German life, would now permit the Jews to make a living unmolested.

POLISH CURRENCY CURBS FORGING 1,000 TOURISTS TO QUIT PALESTINE

TEL AVIV, May 4. (JTA) -- The Polska Kasa Opieki, semi-official Polish bank, was besieged today by depositors seeking to withdraw their accounts in view of the currency restrictions enacted by Poland.

Approximately 1,000 tourists are returning to Poland tomorrow, since the bank has refused to pay out to them more than 250 zlotys monthly on their letters of credit.

450 POLISH JEWS LEAVE FOR HOLY LAND TODAY

WARSAW, May 4. (JTA) -- It was announced today that 450 Polish Jews will leave tomorrow for Palestine, to take up permanent residence there. Several thousand Jews have emigrated to the Holy Land in the past few months. Reports of continuing disorders in Palestine have not dissuaded any from emigrating, as far as could be ascertained.

200 WRITERS HAIL FREUD ON 80TH BIRTHDAY

LONDON, May 4. (JTA) -- An address signed by 200 of the leading writers of the world was presented today to Dr. Sigmund Freud of Vienna, founder of psychoanalysis, on the occasion of his eightieth birthday Wednesday. Among the signers were H.G. Wells, Romain Rolland, Thomas Mann, Stefan Zweig, Virginia Woolf and Jules Romains.

The address congratulated Dr. Freud and paid homage to him as "the master whose discoveries opened the way to a new and more profound understanding of mankind."

76 MILLION RUBLES TO BE SPENT IN BIRO-BIDJAN IN 1936

MOSCOW, May 4. (JTA) -- The Soviet Peoples Commissariat today officially confirmed plans for Biro-Bidjan, Jewish autonomous territory in Siberia, involving a total expenditure in 1936 of 76,036,000 rubles.

Of the sum approved, 50,036,000 rubles have been assigned for capital investments; 19,500,000 for long term credits and 6,500,000 for the migration activities of COMZET, organization for the settlement of Russian Jews on the land.

The sum represents an increase of 51,000,000 rubles over last year's budget for the territory.

The Commissariat also confirmed a project by White Russia to send 225 families, numbering 1,109 individuals, to Biro-Bidjan this year.

MANY JEWS WOUNDED BY ENDEKS MARKING POLISH NATIONAL DAY

WARSAW, May 4. (JTA) -- Many Jews and Socialists were injured seriously enough to require first aid yesterday when anti-Semitic Nationalists, celebrating the Polish National Holiday, attacked persons walking on Ujadowska Street, shouting "Death to Jews and Socialists!"

The Nationalists, upon being beaten off by Polish workers who came to the aid of those attacked, went into other streets, breaking the windows of a few shops and driving Jews from cafes.

A Jew died today of injuries received during anti-Semitic disturbances at Minska Mazowiecki near Warsaw on April 30.

GUZISTS START MOVE TO BAR JEWS FROM UNIVERSITIES

BUCHAREST, May 4. (JTA) -- Student adherents of Prof. Alexander Guza's anti-Semitic party in Czernowitz University and in the Agricultural Faculty of Kishinev University today launched a movement to bar Jews as students by refusing to admit them to the classrooms.

AZANA URGED TO WITHDRAW SPANISH OLYMPIC TEAM SUBSIDY

MADRID, May 4. (JTA) -- A delegation representing workers' organizations today presented a petition to Premier Manuel Azana demanding withdrawal of a subvention of 400,000 pesetas for the Spanish Olympic team.

The Premier replied that he was personally against Spain's participation in the games at Berlin this Summer, but that the Government was obliged to keep its international obligations and follow the example of other democratic Governments.

AUSTRIAN NEWS SERVICE DISTRIBUTES PRO-ARAB ARTICLES

VIENNA, May 4. (JTA) -- The press service of the Ostmaerkischer Sturmscharen, Chancellor Kurt Schuschnigg's troops, is systematically disseminating anti-Jewish articles which declare that the Jews are depriving the Palestine Arabs of a livelihood.

Discussing recent disorders in Palestine, the articles state that not every anti-Semite is a Nazi and list as anti-Semites former Premier Ignaz Seipel, the late Chancellor Engelbert Dollfuss and Cardinal Theodor Innitzer.

FOOT-PAINTED PICTURES EXHIBITED BY VETERAN; HANDS PARALYZED

VIENNA, May 4. (JTA) -- Alexander Klein, a Rumanian Jewish war veteran whose both hands have been paralyzed for seventeen years, today opened an exhibition of pictures he painted with his right foot.

The paintings, being shown at the offices of the Jewish War Veterans, are of recognized quality. Klein started training himself to paint with his foot shortly after he became paralyzed as a result of injuries sustained at the front.

4 LITHUANIANS JAILED FOR SPREADING RITUAL MURDER LIBELS

KAUNAS, May 4. (JTA) -- The commandant in Telsiai today sentenced four Lithuanians, including one woman, to two weeks imprisonment for spreading a ritual murder libel against the Jews.

ARGENTINE ZIONISTS INVITE SOKOLOV TO AID FUND DRIVE

BUENOS AIRES, May 4. (JTA) -- A 300,000-peso campaign for the Palestine Foundation Fund was announced today at an extraordinary convention of the Argentine Zionist Organization. The parley decided to invite Nahum Sokolow, honorary president of the World Zionist Organization, to come here next month.

DR. GOTTLIEB, ZIONIST, WINS SEAT IN SEJM

WARSAW, May 4. (JTA) -- The Supreme Court today recognized Dr. Joshua Gottlieb, a Zionist leader, as the deputy in the Sejm (lower Parliamentary House) from the Jewish quarter of Warsaw in place of the late Waslaw Wislicki.

In last September's election, Wislicki, running against Dr. Gottlieb, won the seat by a narrow margin of votes. When Wislicki died on Oct. 3, Dr. Gottlieb claimed the seat.

JEWISH WELFARE BOARD HONORS JUDGE LEHMAN

NEW YORK, May 4. (JTA) -- Tribute was paid to Judge Irving Lehman for his devotion to Jewish youth, education and the community center movement at a dinner last night in the Hotel Astor honoring him for his fifteen years as president of the Jewish Welfare Board and his sixtieth birthday. More than 750 persons attended.

Speakers were Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau Jr., who made his first appearance at a dinner in New York in three years. Felix M. Warburg, who presided, Dr. Cyrus Adler, president of the American Jewish Committee; Harry L. Glucksman, executive director of the board; Leon J. Obermayer of Philadelphia, former Supreme Court Justice Joseph M. Proskauer and Sol M. Stroock.

A resolution of the board's executive was presented to Judge Lehman lauding him for his loyalty to Judaism and declaring, "His is the principle that sound Jewish community life may be so organized that Jews of all shades of opinion may participate in its free process of expression and realization."

The dinner concluded the annual meeting of the board's national council at which a plan was approved to bring the 300,000 members of the 316 Jewish centers throughout the country into closer touch with the board by issuing uniform membership cards, insignia and by other devices. A national newspaper is also contemplated.

Other resolutions were adopted announcing a \$100,000 campaign in behalf of the board, of which \$20,000 has already been raised, urging Jewish centers to aid educational and cultural activities to their program and to aid the cause of Jewish education.

The convention marked a departure in that about half of the more than 900 representatives of the board's constituent and affiliated organizations were youths from Jewish centers. One of the young delegates unexpectedly offered a resolution opposing the National Youth Administration and supporting the contemplated American Youth Act. Judge Lehman ruled the resolution out of order as "outside the board's scope of work."

The following were elected members of the executive committee: Hugo Piesen, New York; Simeon Gottschall, New York; Dr. Cyrus Adler, Philadelphia; Harry J. Applestein, Pittsburgh; Harry Lesser, St. Louis; Jacob M. Loeb, Chicago; Michael A. Stavitsky, Newark; Frank L. Weil, New York; Jacob L. Wiseman, Boston and Morris Wolf, Philadelphia.

Speakers during the day were Dr. Frank Kingdon, president of the University of Newark; Rabbi Milton Steinberg, Dr. Adler, who reported as chairman of the Army and Navy Committee and Judge Lehman, who gave the president's report.

Rabbi Steinberg stressed the function of the Jewish community center in the transmission and preservation of Jewish traditions. Declaring that "Jews are perplexed about their Jewishness," he said that "for the center to neglect that fact would lead to an incomplete service to those who turn to the center for guidance."

NAZISM DENOUNCED AT GARDEN RALLY

NEW YORK, May 4. (JTA) -- Nazi intolerance was denounced by William Green, and other labor leaders at a benefit and mass meeting of 16,000 persons at Madison Square Garden last night that marked the launching of a nation-wide fund-raising campaign to aid victims of persecution in Europe.

Mr. Green declared that no one could enumerate the "crimes of Nazi Germany without expressing horror at the persecution of religion. Upon the crooked cross of Nazism the very teachings of Jesus Christ are being crucified in a campaign against civilization and religion, whether Catholic, Protestant, Jewish or any other religion."

Other speakers were Matthew Woll, vice-president of the American Federation of Labor; Joseph P. Ryan, president of the Central Trades and Labor Council; Dr. Henry Smith Leiper and Rev. George Zantgraf. Prof. Albert Einstein sent a message urging international solidarity of labor against "nationalist hatred."

MRS. STERNBERGER PRAISES ORT SCHOOLS

NEW YORK, May 4. (JTA) -- Mrs. Estelle Sternberger, executive director of World Peaceways, declared Saturday at a luncheon of the Women's American ORT in the Hotel Astor that "while malicious propagandists throw dust into the eyes of their fellow-citizens by weird stories of Jewish plots to dominate this earth, the ORT builds school after school to train Jewish workers and artisans to be humble but respected men, women and youth in the ranks of world industry."

Other speakers were George Backer, president of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, who recently returned from a survey of the Jewish position in European countries; Dr. Henry Moskowitz, chairman of the ORT Federation's board of directors; Mrs. Florence Dolowitz, retiring president of the women's group, who was guest of honor and Dr. David Lvovitch, vice-president of the World ORT Union.